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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a residential customer of Sonic, which uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. I used to have AT&T internet and phone service, and the service was poor. A few months ago when Sonic laid fiber optic cable in my neighborhood, we switched to them for both services. The internet connection is 10x the speed at 2/3 the cost, and the service is great! The telephone service is better than AT&T also.

Do not let the large telecom companies squeeze out the small, local ones. The competition is essential, and more should be encouraged. This is America! We do not need a few giants running things without any real competition! I do not want my monthly payments to increase back to what AT&T was charging for lousy service!

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